VZCZCXYZ0000 PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHLP #1850 2422119 ZNY CCCCC ZZH P 292119Z AUG 08 FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8365 INFO RUEHAC/AMEMBASSY ASUNCION 8286 RUEHBO/AMEMBASSY BOGOTA 5643 RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA 9584 RUEHBU/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 6801 RUEHCV/AMEMBASSY CARACAS 3896 RUEHPE/AMEMBASSY LIMA 4186 RUEHMN/AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO 5720 RUEHQT/AMEMBASSY QUITO 6515 RUEHSG/AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO 1249 RUEATRS/DEPT OF TREASURY WASHINGTON DC RHEHNSC/NSC WASHINGTON DC RHMFISS/HQ USSOUTHCOM MIAMI FL RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC RHEFDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC RUEAWJA/DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

CONFIDENTIALLA PAZ 001850

SIPDIS

STATE FOR ISN, T, NEA/IR

E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/30/2018

TAGS: PREL PARM KNNP MNUC EFIN IR GM BL SUBJECT: MFA REFUSES TO ACCEPT IRAN DEMARCHE

REF: A. STATE 88759

1B. STATE 76596

1C. LA PAZ 935

1D. LA PAZ 707

Classified By: EcoPol Chief Mike Hammer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

11. (C) PolOff attempted to provide reftel demarches August 25, but was cut off by Director of Bilateral Affairs Jean Paul Guevara, who refused to accept the demarche or non-paper. Instead, Guevara insisted the reftel information be relayed by formal diplomatic note. Embassy La Paz Diplomatic Note 313/08 was sent to Guevara's offices August 128. See reftels c and d for typical Bolivian reply to similar demarches.

12. (C) Text of Diplomatic Note follows:

August 28, 2008

No. 313/08

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia and has the honor to refer to the August 25 discussion with the Bolivian Director of Bilateral Affairs, Jean Paul Guevara, in which Mr. Guevara would not accept a demarche on the U.S. Government's freezing of assets of certain Iranian entities and individuals and instead requested a diplomatic note to relay this information.

The names of the individuals and entities are presented in attachments A and B, along with a brief description of U.S. Government concerns about links and potential links to Iran's nuclear weapons development program.

The Department of the Treasury designated these individuals or entities under Executive Order 13382 on July 8 and August 12, following action by the European Union to tighten its sanctions against Iran for defying the international community,s calls to abandon its nuclear program. These designations will add to our continuing

actions to prevent Iranian entities of proliferation concern from accessing financial and commercial markets that could aid Iranian efforts to develop nuclear weapons and the missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

All UN Member States are required to freeze the assets of entities and individuals listed in the Annexes of UN Security Council resolutions 1737, 1747 and 1803, as well as assets of entities owned or controlled by them, and to prevent funds or economic resources from being made available to them. In accordance with member obligations under UN Security Council Resolutions 1747 and 1803, we urge all governments to freeze the assets of these entities and individuals, as well as the assets of persons or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or by entities owned or controlled by them.

their direction, or by entities owned or controlled by them.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Bolivia the assurances of its highest consideration.

To the Honorable

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

Of the Republic of Bolivia,

La Paz.

GOLDBERG